

SUBJECT: MOBILE INTENSIVE CARE NURSE -- AUTHORIZATION/REAUTHORIZATION

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- I. **Authority:** Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Sections 1797.56, 1797.213, and 1797.214.
- II. **Purpose:** To define the process of Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN) authorization and reauthorization.
- III. **Policy:** To become authorized as a MICN in San Diego County, the following requirements must be met:
- A. Authorization process:
1. The candidate for initial authorization must:
 - a. Be a Registered Nurse currently licensed in the State of California.
 - b. Possess a current ACLS course completion card.
 - c. Have received instruction in the following subjects pertinent to the MICN role (recommended minimum 30 hours of training).
 - (1) The MICN in the emergency medical service (EMS) system.
 - (2) Field assessment and reporting.
 - (3) Shock.
 - (4) Pharmacology.
 - (5) Respiratory emergencies.
 - (6) Cardiac emergencies.
 - (7) Neurological emergencies.
 - (8) Soft tissue emergencies.
 - (9) Musculoskeletal emergencies.
 - (10) Other medical emergencies.

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- (11) Obstetric emergencies.
 - (12) Pediatric emergencies.
 - (13) Geriatric emergencies.
 - (14) Behavioral emergencies.
 - (15) Multiple trauma and triage.
 - (16) San Diego County Policies, Procedures and Protocols.
- d. Complete and submit proof of an internship consisting of:
- (1) A Base Hospital orientation which includes the observation of paramedic functions on a minimum of three Paramedic responses which demonstrate advanced life support (ALS) skills.
 - (2) Observation of medical direction of patient care via direct voice communication with field personnel by a MICN/Base Hospital Physician for a minimum of 10 Paramedic calls under the supervision of the Base Hospital Nurse Coordinator or designee.
- e. Successfully pass the MICN authorization examination, by predetermined standards, approved by the County of San Diego EMS Medical Director. If unsuccessful, the candidate may repeat the exam twice. If unsuccessful after three test sessions, the candidate must complete a remedial course of instruction prior to retest.
- f. Submit an application form containing a statement that the individual is not precluded from authorization for reasons defined in Section

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1798.200 of the Health and Safety Code, proof of internship, documentation of successful completion of MICN Exam, and the established fee for testing and/or authorization.

2. Authorization periods shall end on either March 31 or September 30 of each year, up to, but not exceeding, 2 full years from the date of issue.

B. Reauthorization Process:

1. To be eligible for reauthorization, a currently authorized MICN shall:
 - a. Submit a completed San Diego County EMS application form and pay the established fee.
 - b. Provide documentation of attendance of 24 hours of multi-disciplinary prehospital continuing education, approved by a Base Hospital or the San Diego County EMS Branch, every 2 years. The course objectives for these courses shall be directly related to the MICN role. Course content may include, but is not limited to, case-based presentations, trends in prehospital care, protocol and policy review, and current concepts in prehospital care. Participation in courses with nationally standardized curricula, such as ACLS, PALS, PEPP, TNCC, and online continuing education classes do not qualify for MICN reauthorization credit.
2. Individuals who have let their MICN authorization lapse shall be eligible for reauthorization upon completion of the following:
 - a. For a lapse of less than 90 days, the applicant must meet the requirements of Section III. B.1, a & b of this policy.

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- b. For a lapse of greater than 90 days, but less than one year, the applicant must additionally meet the requirements of Section III. A. 1. d. (2). of this policy.
- c. For a lapse of greater than one year, the applicant must additionally meet the requirement in Section III. A. 1. e. of this policy.
- 3. The EMS Branch reserves the right to require periodic mandatory training on new skills, protocols and policies or remedial training as a condition of continued authorization.
- 4. The EMS Branch reserves the right to withdraw or retract authorization pending resolution of disciplinary issues in accordance with local policy.

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